

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

SKETCHES
OF
LEGISLATORS
AND
STATE OFFICERS

1876-1878.

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SEVENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

Counties.—El Paso, Presidio, Pecos, Tom
Green and Crockett.

REPRESENTATIVE LOUIS CARDIS was born in Piedmont, Italy, in 1825, and in 1848-9 was a captain in Garibaldi's army ; came to the United States in 1854, and ten years afterward settled in Texas ; became a resident of El Paso county, on the Upper Rio Grande, and soon took a prominent stand as a citizen ; figured extensively in breaking some corrupt rings in El Paso county, created during the administration of Governor Davis ; was elected as a Democrat to the lower house of the Fourteenth Legislature, and was next sent as a delegate from the El Paso district to the Constitutional Convention of 1875 ; was again nominated by the Democrats in 1876, and elected over Jesus Cobos by a majority of 154 votes. He was opposed in the canvass by a clique, composed alike of Federal and State placeholders.

Mr. Cardis lives in the town of El Paso ; and during his residence there, has been engaged in various enterprises. He is now a mail contractor, and the stage line from El Paso to Fort Davis belongs to him.